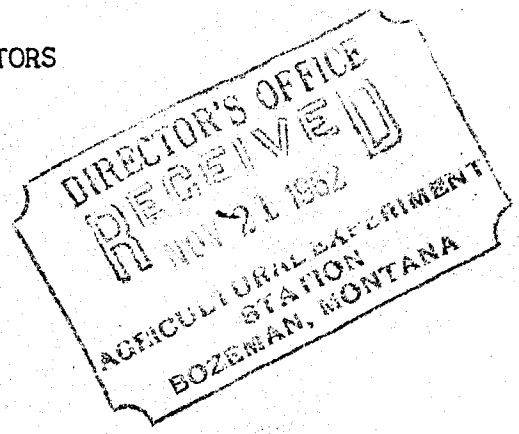


THE MEETING OF WESTERN DIRECTORS  
Congressional Room  
Statler Hotel  
November 9, 1952



Persons in attendance:

- P. F. Sharp, Chairman, California
- R. S. Besse, Oregon
- M. T. Buchanan, Washington
- P. S. Eckert, Arizona
- R. H. Walker, Utah
- F. E. Price, Oregon
- L. A. Henke, Hawaii
- M. A. Bell, Montana
- S. S. Wheeler, Colorado
- J. E. Kraus, Idaho
- D. R. Theophilus, Idaho
- C. E. Fleming, Nevada
- A. S. Curry, New Mexico
- H. M. Briggs, Wyoming
- H. C. Knoblauch, OES
- H. W. Benn, visitor, Wyoming

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sharp and he announced that Director Besse had been asked to serve as temporary chairman. Curry moved that Besse act as chairman of the meeting because it would be necessary for Director Sharp to be absent much of the time. The motion was seconded by Walker and carried.

The proposed agenda was examined.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with as they had been previously sent to all members for examination and suggested changes but none had been made.

Curry reported for the Committee of Nine and reviewed the minutes previously sent the directors. He stressed that 9B-3 projects should be concluded or truly revised at expiration dates rather than have nominal revisions as has been the tendency in the past. No groups should feel they have the perogative of using money in the future because of an earlier allocation.

It was pointed out by Walker that the other regions have a "committee of three", a sub-committee of the directors; that reviews progress of regional projects, reviews proposed new projects, and prepares recommendations on allocations and transfers of funds. Curry indicated he favored such a committee as a member of the Committee of Nine, and reviewed the manner in which the Committee of Nine now functions. Buchanan optioned we should have such a committee or have an additional meeting of the directors during the year. Curry suggested the matter be dropped and placed on the agenda for later discussion.

Curry indicated that contributing projects should be carefully examined and approved by technical committees. He discussed summaries of national balances

carried over in 9B-3 funds in 1952 and stated there was \$8,270.37 or .57% that had therefore reverted but of this amount, about forty percent was the result of inadvertent errors in bookkeeping and most of the remainder was in one state. He gave detailed reports of reversions in the western region as follows:

Arizona	\$ 590.93
California	-----
Colorado	475.61
Hawaii	304.34
Idaho	-----
Montana	110.73
Nevada	-----
New Mexico	-----
Oregon	-----
Texas	-----
Utah	175.62
Washington	2,837.28
Wyoming	-----
Regional Total	\$4,494.51

It was pointed out that from now on 9B-3 funds will be on an annual basis. Curry emphasized we need to be careful that our marketing allocations be at least 20% or above. A table of deferred payments of 9B-3 funds for 1953 was distributed.

Buchanan moved that "the senior member of the Committee of Nine ask for recommendations from states on transfer of 9B-3 funds prior to March 1 and transmit this information through the chairman of the region to the Committee of Nine for action at their spring meeting." Kraus seconded the motion; after discussion, the motion carried.

It was mentioned that we must be alert in keeping our regional projects in the hands of state people without undue influence from non-federal agencies. The relationship of national commodity committees to regional research was discussed.

Buchanan reported for the Marketing Committee and mentioned that working directly with OES facilitated more rapid and improved operations than did previous arrangements. Forthcoming workshops were mentioned.

Walker made a brief statement concerning ESCOP. He mentioned the proposed transfer of soil survey work in which, as of November 15, soil management and its related water problems will be transferred to BPI and soil survey work becomes a function of SCS. He outlined the development of the plan and joint meetings which had been held in so far as the agencies and the land grant colleges were concerned. Bureau and agency reorganization and work differentiation was described and discussion followed.

Buchanan, in reporting as a member of the Legislative Committee, mentioned that legislative action had been started to place insecticide control under Food and Drug rather than under the Department of Agriculture. Directors will

need to be alert to the danger of such legislation in the development and use of agricultural insecticides; the farm organizations are taking an active part in opposing such restrictions as would unquestionably result. The committee feels that one percent of gross national farm income should be invested in agricultural research. Proposed increases should lead to about a four hundred percent increase in such funds by 1975; this would be achieved by an expenditure that would be in ratio of 4/8 state grant, 1/8 federal grant, and 3/8 from federal agencies with one-half of the latter figure being spent in cooperation with states. The over-all figure they have in mind is an estimated \$450,000,000. Extension is to be supported in getting funds to do the job for which they were originally established. The sympathy and support of the farm organizations was described. The probable future budget was indicated but it was stated that the consolidated bill will not be introduced until what appears to be a more opportune time.

Eckert read a letter from former Director McKee, that had been sent through Dr. Trullinger, in which he expressed regret at not again being present with us. He described his work and the organization of the program he directs in Lebanon. Henke moved the secretary write a letter to both McKee and former Director Henney and include copies of the minutes of this meeting; Walker seconded and the motion carried. Greetings and best wishes were to be carried to Director Burgess by representatives from Arizona.

Dr. Knoblauch reported for the OES and passed out copies of a graph which showed the historical pattern of total funds available to the experiment stations. He pointed out there was a lag in federal grants as compared to the increases available from state sources. He mentioned projected needs as indicated by the states.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

The administrative advisors reported on various regional projects. Bell reviewed briefly the type of report prepared by the W-1 Committee in the past and was instructed to see that a suitable report is prepared for the current year. Kraus distributed a report prepared by the W-2 Committee and mentioned a revision is in progress and will be submitted through regular channels. Besse reported the committee for W-3 was considering methods of statistical analysis and presentation. W-5 is inactive and at present the corresponding committees in other regions are considering revisions; a national meeting has already been held on respiratory ailments and an inter-regional meeting has been called for late November in Chicago. Fleming moved that the Washington Experiment Station send a representative of the Western Region to the Chicago meeting and inform the western directors of the meeting's progress. Curry seconded and the motion prevailed.

Buchanan mentioned that a meeting of the W-6 Committee should be held and that several questions of sub-project approval, farming-out material, and plant exploration needed to be faced. Kraus moved the directors go on record as approving a meeting to be held in Salt Lake City November 4 and 5, 1953; Buchanan seconded the motion which carried.

Wheeler mentioned problems of coordination in W-7 and that he was suggesting the proposed additional objective approved at Berkeley (Spring-1952) be reconsidered by the Technical Committee at their next meeting which will be held in January 1953.

Buchanan reported, in the absence of Sharp, that a workshop is being planned by the W-8 Committee. Current work is concerned with space required for various household functions.

Walker commented that the W-9 Committee was planning a meeting and was faced with the problem of two soils research committees in the west--one based on the agreement with the federal laboratory and agencies, and the other the technical committee of W-9. The matter of overlapping personnel was mentioned. In the past a common chairman has led to confusion but such a program offers both advantages and disadvantages.

Wheeler mentioned that there was some confusion between the WAERC and the Technical Committee. Curry reviewed the history of the relationship.

Curry requested a meeting of the technical committee for W-11 at the expense of the respective stations. Walker moved such a meeting be held at the time of the Weed Conference; Eckert seconded, the motion carried.

Fleming mentioned the workshop meeting planned for W-16 and the Farm Foundation is to pay the travel expenses. The meeting will be of a 10-day duration at Logan, Utah. A regional project is being prepared.

Project W-23 was mentioned by Besse as having been very active and Bell is serving as acting administrative advisor. Bell reported the western committee and the north-east committee were considering mutual problems of evaluation. Washington and California are carrying on sizeable evaluation studies at present. Fleming moved any allotment of funds to project W-23 be withheld until the spring meeting. Eckert seconded and the motion passed.

Curry commented we should not overlook the problem of bloat as we are thinking of starting new projects.

Henke mentioned that the W-15 project had been considered previously and raised the question of whether or not it should be considered "dead".

Sharp was not present to report for WM-1. Kraus commented a publication was overdue but there had been difficulty in clearing with BAE. Projects WM-2 and WM-3 have been combined. Buchanan moved the chairman and secretary come to the spring meeting with complete history of projects, advisors and sub-committees, titles, etc. for consideration by the directors. Project WM-6 is no longer in existence.

Wheeler reported good progress including three publications during the year on WM-4. A meeting for WM-5 committee was announced by Briggs at Denver for January 15 and 16, 1953. A regional bulletin was published during the year. Walker reported WM-7 has been active. Eckert reported WM-9 has been closed.

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The meeting days of April 27 to May 2 for the spring meeting was confirmed. The plans were outlined and individual directors will be contacted later concerning arrival times.

Wheeler was elected administrative advisor of project W-1. Bell was elected administrative advisor of W-23. Eckert was selected as administrative advisor for WM-A, Bell for WM-B, Buchanan for WM-C, and Eckert for WM-D.

Briggs was recommended for appointment by ESCOP as a replacement for McKee on the National Grasslands Committee (1953). Action on replacing McKee as a representative of the Western Directors as a contact on Regional Forage Crops was postponed until the spring meeting.

The problem of an administrative advisor for the committee for the Sheep-Breeding Station at Dubois was discussed but action was deferred until the spring meeting.

Buchanan was elected to serve a four-year term (1956) as member of ESCOP. Sharp was elected to replace Besse and serve the unexpired term ending in 1955. Briggs was elected as alternate to serve a period of one year.

Curry, our current representative on the Committee of Nine, retired from the room as an established custom while election of a representative ensued. Kraus was elected (1954) and Briggs was selected as his alternate (1953). The directors unanimously expressed appreciation of Curry's fine service for two terms as a member of that committee.

Eckert was elected as a member of the Marketing Research Committee (1954) and Kraus was named as alternate (1953).

Buchanan was renamed as our representative on the Legislative Committee (1953).

The matter of selecting a member of the committee on Federal-State Relationships was considered and after discussion, Walker was selected (1954). He was also chosen as our representative on the program committee of the Land Grant College Association (1953).

The need for a nominee on the Seed Policy Committee was outlined. Kraus was elected (1954).

Remaining business was reviewed by the chairman and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened November 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Federal Room.

Dean Mick of Alaska was introduced and welcomed to the group.

Louis Hawkins of the Oklahoma Station appeared before the session and invited our group to listen to Harry Treelogan of ARA who was giving a short talk at the southern regional meeting. The invitation was accepted.

Dr. Treelogan outlined the difficulties in defining marketing and of conducting research in the various categories. He stated one of the most important problems was coordinating research done under marketing funds with

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that done with funds originating from other sources. He pointed out that they do not consider marketing and agricultural economics as synonymous. After the talk and discussion we returned to our own session.

Sharp presented the matter of a regional policy on the issuance of publications resulting from regional research work. Kraus suggested that the second sentence of the third paragraph read, "In this case the publication should be printed at one of these cooperating stations with a regular number in that station's series. No regional number should be used without the formal approval of the Western Directors." Eckert moved adoption of the proposed policy in principle with the above modification. Kraus seconded and the motion carried.

Walker moved the Secretary prepare copies of the revised policy and send copies to the directors; Fleming seconded and the motion passed.

Eckert moved that "the Western Directors authorize and encourage the WAERC to proceed toward the development of improved farm management research in the Western Region including making a request to the Farm Foundation for a grant of funds in the amount of \$2500 per annum for a two-year period as outlined in the mimeographed statement, 'A Program for Improving Farm Management Research in the Western Region'." After a short discussion Curry seconded the motion and it passed.

It was moved by Walker that Ryerson of California be our representative on the committee for distribution of bulletins to foreign countries; after a second by Curry, the motion was affirmed.

Buchanan moved "that it be the policy of the western directors that chairmen or representatives of technical committees be encouraged to participate in meetings with representatives of other areas for research coordination in fields where several regions have similar projects and that, if possible, these meetings be arranged in conjunction with professional society meetings in order to conserve travel funds." Walker seconded the motion and it was carried.

The matter of a "committee of three" was again brought up. Sharp expressed that it had been a satisfactory arrangement in some of the other regions. He pointed out functions of such a group were being done in part by the WAERC and did not feel we should form such an additional committee unless there was some real advantage to be gained. Wheeler moved that our group spend the additional time required to more adequately review projects in lieu of a "committee of three"; Curry seconded and the motion was approved.

Dr. B. T. Simms and Dr. H. W. Schoening, chief pathologist, Division of BAI and Dean Hart of California joined the groups for a discussion on anaplasmosis. Dr. Schoening discussed the history of the disease in the United States, modes of transmission, and research progress to date. A major problem is the lack of ability to detect carriers by test. The causative agent is a protozoon that attacks the red blood cells and a therapeutic is being sought that would eliminate the carrier state.

Dr. Simms pointed out that much work has been done by competent workers but that few practical results had been found. The problem in Oregon and several other areas was specifically discussed. Besse suggested that directors should get the facts they can in their own states, think about the problem and discuss it further at the spring meeting. From discussion it appears that other animal diseases are also very important. Curry moved that all directors investigate the problem of livestock diseases and be prepared to discuss the problem further at the spring meeting; Wheeler seconded the motion and it was approved. Curry moved Besse prepare a form for submission to the directors to aid them in obtaining comparable information; Sharp seconded the motion and it prevailed.

Walker moved Price be delegated to approach the southern section and see if they would obtain the same information on livestock diseases; after a second by Sharp, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

H. M. Briggs  
Secretary

Appendix B.

WESTERN REGIONAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ISSUING PUBLICATIONS RESULTING FROM REGIONAL RESEARCH WORK, RELEASES, AND OBTAINING APPROVAL

Regional Publications:

Approval of Manuscripts: Responsibility for the preparation of manuscripts rests with the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee may appoint a sub-committee to be responsible for the preparation of a particular manuscript. The manuscript should be prepared by the authors and reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee or its sub-committee. When it is believed that the manuscript is in final form it should be approved by the Technical Committee Chairman and the Administrative Advisor. If agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture had a part in the work, then the approval of the appropriate U.S.D.A. agencies is also required.

Publication of Manuscripts: We are confronted with such a variety of work that uniform rules cannot be given for each cooperative project, but adjustments must be made, bearing in mind the nature of the work and the uses to which the results can be put. A particularly heavy burden may be placed upon the Experiment Stations and Research and Marketing funds in the fields of Economics and certain phases of Home Economics because in these fields there are no professional journals available for the publication of the lengthy manuscripts which usually result from work in these fields.

Manuscripts appear to fall into three categories:

1. Definitely regional in which a number of Experiment Stations and, in some instances, U.S.D.A. Bureaus have cooperated in the work and the staffs from several different Experiment Stations are co-authors. In this case, the publication should best be printed at one of these cooperating stations with a regular number in that station's series. No regional number should be used without the formal approval of the Western Director. The decision as to which station would involve the following points:

- a. Proportionate amount of work done.
- b. Cost of publishing at the various Experiment Stations involved.
- c. Dominant interest of a particular state.

2. The second type of publication would result from a situation where phases of the broad program are broken down so that work done within a state may involve essentially that state only, in which case that state would do the publishing and the publication should be issued as a state publication, indicating of course the cooperative nature of the work.

2. Some of the work may be of such a nature that the results would be most useful if published in a professional journal. Summaries of this work might be rewritten for publication in circular form on a state or regional basis.

*Newspaper and radio only*  
Press Releases: It is the responsibility of the Chairman of the Technical Committee to see that press releases, when desirable, are prepared. The Chairman of the Technical Committee, in exercising this responsibility, should see that the authors of the manuscript, in conjunction with their own State Experiment Station publicity staffs, prepare releases for review by the Chairman



of the Technical Committee and the Administrative Advisor. Before the press releases are finally approved by the Administrative Advisor, copies should be sent by the Chairman of the Technical Committee to all members of the Technical Committee because there may be certain situations within a given state which should be considered before the releases are finally approved. When the releases are finally approved, copies should be sent to each participating Experiment Station for local release within its own state and to the appropriate Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture whose cooperation is involved.

The releases should have a common release date.

#### Identification of Participating Stations on Regional Publications

In order that there may be no doubt of acceptability of Western Regional Publications for mailing under the individual franking privileges of Experiment Stations, each regional publication will display, either on the front cover or the title page, a complete list of the 11 Western Experiment Stations including Alaska and Hawaii and U.S.D.A. participating agencies, listed in full official name. For example see "Housing Needs of Western Farm Families," Western Cooperative Series, Research Report Number 1 (1952).

Some publications have been lately issued in other regions where the identification of Experiment Stations participating is inferred rather than by name. It is conceivable that a post office could challenge the acceptability of the publication for mailing by one of the participating Experiment Stations.

This policy of listing participating agencies formally and by name will obtain whether the publication is issued truly as a regional one or by one of the participating states in the state's own series.

To make further certain that regional publications will be frankable by all experiment stations of the Western Region, this statement should appear on an early page: "Under the procedure of cooperative publication, this regional report becomes, in effect, an identical publication of each of the cooperating agencies and of each of the Experiment Stations in the Western Region, and is mailed under the frank and indicia of each."

